



## Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission

### Executive Committee

#### Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family

1700 West Washington Street, Suite 230, PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85007

A general meeting of the Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission (AJJC) Executive Committee was convened November 16, 2018, at the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family, 1700 West Washington Street, Suite 230, Phoenix, Arizona 85007, notice having been duly given.

Members Present (5)	
Cindi Nannetti, Chair	James Molina
Helen Gándara	Christina Schopen
Dorothy Wodraska	
Staff/Guests Present (2)	Members Absent (0)
Steve Selover, Program Administrator Maria Fuentes, GOYFF Director	

#### Call to Order

- **Ms. Cindi Nannetti, Chair**, called the Executive Committee meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. with five members and two staff present.

#### Welcome/Introductions

- **Ms. Nannetti, Chair**, welcomed everyone and asked all members to introduce themselves.

#### Approval of Minutes

- **Ms. Nannetti, Chair**, requested a review of the April 30, 2018 meeting minutes.
  - **Ms. Dorothy Wodraska** motioned to accept the minutes as drafted.
  - **Ms. Christina Schopen** seconded the motion.
- The motion passed with no dissenting votes.

#### AJJC Role and Focus in 2019

- **Mr. Steve Selover** introduced **Ms. Maria Fuentes**, Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family Director, to ask members to share feedback on their impressions of the commission's functionality and its capacity to serve two different roles. **Ms. Fuentes** added that she has heard from some commission members that the body should increase the focus on public safety and victim advocacy.
- The committee members provided their insight on this matter. **Ms. Schopen** advised that since her appointment to the commission, she has learned a lot from information related to delinquency issues.
- **Ms. Helen Gándara** stated that since the commission has assumed the Children's Justice Act Task Force role, it is more challenging to focus strongly on specific issues because the federal requirements and goals are very different.
- **Ms. Nannetti, Chair**, agreed that serving the dual role can make it more challenging to focus on narrow goals for juvenile justice and children's justice; however, she added that it is beneficial for both sides to see different perspectives.

- **Ms. Wodraska** stated that she has noticed some contentious discussion between members appointed to fulfill the children's justice membership mandates and those appointed for the juvenile justice requirements, and that there seem to be some disagreements between the two groups.
- **Ms. Fuentes** agreed there are two completely separate bodies of work, and part of the tension could be driven by a lack of concrete and driven-down goals. She acknowledged that it is challenging to set goals and areas of focus with a large group working on two different subjects.
- **Mr. James Molina** stated he has noticed frustration around the issue of delinquent youth being placed with the Department of Child Safety.
- **Ms. Fuentes** stated that she tremendously values the work from the Children's Justice Act and the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act but is concerned that the merging of the two groups has led to diluting the important work they are both required to manage.
- **Ms. Fuentes** concluded the conversation by thanking the members for their honest input, which will help inform her on next steps.
- **Mr. Selover** stated that in the interest of time, the planning meeting recommendations and federal requirements that guide the commission's work will be provided to the group for review after the meeting.

#### **AJJC Meeting Agenda.**

- **Mr. Selover** provided members with a copy of the draft agenda and recounted each agenda item.
- **Mr. Selover** explained the expectation of each committee report-out, and members agreed with the subject matter of their committee report.
- Committee members were satisfied with the agenda and had no questions or concerns regarding the presentation topics or staff updates.

#### **Call to the Public**

- **Ms. Nannetti, Chair**, made a call to the public. No public members responded to the call.

#### **Adjourn**

- **Ms. Nannetti, Chair**, called for adjournment.
  - **Ms. Schopen** motioned to adjourn.
  - **Ms. Gándara** seconded the motion.
- The motioned passed with no dissenting votes. Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Dated November 21, 2018  
AJJC Executive Committee  
Submitted By: Steve Selover  
GOYFF Program Administrator